

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

**IN RE YASMIN AND YAZ
(DROSPIRENONE) MARKETING, SALES
PRACTICES AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY
LITIGATION**

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) **3:09-md-02100-DRH-CJP**
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) **MDL No. 2100**
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PRESIDING: Chief Judge David R. Herndon

DATE: December 17, 2009

PLACE: East St. Louis, Illinois

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TIME: 1:10 PM - 1:25 PM

Court met with lead and liaison counsel prior to the hearing today. The Court notes there has been an air of cooperation amongst the parties and things are working well.

Mr. Niemeyer and Mr. Hoeflich advise the Court they have been working to try to come up with case management orders to present to the Court. They have come to terms on a protective order to allow plaintiffs to receive production of documents within the next few days. They are working on direct filing of the CMO and direct service of the CMO and hope to have that accomplished before the next conference. The informational preservation order and CMO should be submitted to the court shortly.

Regarding discovery from defendants, as soon as the protective order is entered, they will provide the plaintiff with discovery documents. Defendants are to provide the first production on Monday, which will exceed 1,000,000 pages.

The Court discussed with counsel, prior to the hearing, establishing ***Bellwether*** trials. The Court would like this case to move along efficiently and effectively. Both sides are working diligent and in good faith to move this litigation at a fast pace and court is encouraged by that. Court has had to intervene very little.

Court advises counsel that Senior Law Clerk, Katie Hoffman, will no longer be assigned to these cases as of Monday. Debra Ward has been added to chamber's staff she will be the law clerk assigned to this case as of Monday.

The next conference is set for **Thursday, January 21, 2010** at 1:00 PM. Lead and liaison counsel are to be present at 12:45 PM.

Any counsel that cares to attend these conferences is more than welcome to attend. For a while, the Court will continue to hold these types of conferences but at some point in time, most of these conferences can be accomplished through teleconferencing. Counsel should advise the Court when they would like to start implementing teleconferencing for these type of hearings.

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